

Top of the Hill

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World Affairs Challenge

by Daniel Green

This year the World Affairs Challenge was held in Nashville for the first time. WAC, as it is abbreviated, originated in Denver, Colorado, and is supported by the United Nations. The University of Denver's Center for Teaching International Relations chooses a different theme each year. The teams then form a presentation and a poster relating to the theme. This year's topic was Child's Rights. The MBA team chose Child Labor in El Salvador as our topic. We focused on

Coca Cola's indirect support of child labor in sugarcane fields in El Salvador. Our team created a brilliant

skit's first scene is a Coca Cola boardroom where a meeting is taking place concerning information that someone let slip about Coca Cola's indirect use of child labor. The members talk about the terrible slip and show a video clip of Dan Rather giving a news report on the child labor and Coca Cola's link to it. The clip shifts from Rather to a reporter in the fields of El Salvador with a child worker named Jesus Franko. The reporter talks of the harsh conditions of the fields

and interviews Jesus. The scene returns to Rather, who finishes his news report.



The WACletes

skit about a Coca Cola board meeting and spent about two months in preparation for competition. The

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Blood Wedding

by Austin Archer

For ten weeks, a group of MBA, Harpeth Hall, SCA students, and KayT worked in the theater to prepare *Blood Wedding*. We began rehearsals in October and finished on December 6, with our last performance and strike.

Lorca, the playwright, made many of the characters symbolic. Mr. Morrison, the

director, chose his cast with this symbolism in mind, choosing only two light-haired people;

the rest of the cast had dark hair.

The plot was fairly simple. A girl living in the desert with her father marries a wealthy boy, the bridegroom, whose brother and father have been murdered. At the party after the wedding, the bride runs away with Leonardo, played by Garret Anglin. Then the woodcutters, played by Will Holt, Austin Archer, and James

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Will Holt and Austin Archer show the upper classmen how to act.

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The clip ends, and it is the boardroom again. The members talk about the clip and joke about the incompetence of Dan Rather. Jeff, another character, runs in with another tape and puts it in the VCR. The clip is from "Jeopardy." The show is previewed with a question on child labor in El Salvador and another question on Alex Trebek's greatness.

Poster." This poster presented our information in an organized way.

The contest was held on October 30th. The organizers gave us many free items and provided us with donuts and lunch. What more could one ask for? The collaborative question was the first main event. This was a tough quiz with fifty problems about current world affairs and the United Nations. Our team took all of the first twelve spots

with Harrison Stringfellow and Daniel Green tying for second place and Sam Page coming in at first place. The next event was the Collaborative Question in which the teams are divided up and mixed to form four groups. The question was on how to solve Pakistani child labor, children without education, and injustice to child criminals. The Orange Team won the question. Next was the formal presentation.

MBA performed an amazing Academy Award-deserving skit, which I described earlier. Everything ran perfectly, despite Mrs. Bakken's previous difficulties with stopping the video at the correct time. The last event was the awards presentation. MBA placed first in the Global Awareness Quiz and second best overall team. Questionable judging? The world may never know. West End Middle School won best overall team and the Discovery Poster. The other two schools that entered were Martin Luther King Magnet School and John F. Kennedy Middle. Overall, the experience was a huge success for both MBA and the city of Nashville. Denver hopes to continue the annual WAC in Nashville. If anyone is invited to compete in this event, I would highly recommend it. The entire day was a joy to experience. Special thanks to Mrs. Bakken, Academic Advisor, and Yair Reimer, a student advisor from Vanderbilt.

Cast and Crew:

Austin Archer- Cameraman,
Zechariah
Jimmy Balser- Dan Rather

Clayton Cothran- Boss

Daniel Green- Alex Trebek

Ben Gregory- Contestant

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Knight Hammock-

Contestant # 2

J.B. Hardin- Jim

Wade Longmire- Props

Karl Mecklenborg- Jesus

Sam Page- Reporter in El

Salvador

Harrison Stringfellow-

Contestant #3, Jeff

Gray Taylor- Board member

Mrs. Bakken - Academic

Advisor

Yair Reimer - Student

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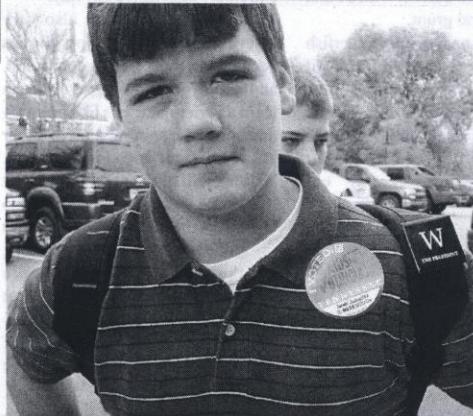
2nd Most Globally Aware in Middle Tennessee: Daniel and Harrison

As the clip ends, the scene returns to the boardroom. The members discuss the importance of the clip and how everyone believes anything on "Jeopardy." The skit concludes with three different possible endings. The first one is to pressure the owners of the fields and CASSA, the second is to ignore the complaints, and the third is to pull out of El Salvador. The team also prepared a stunning "Discovery



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Snapshots



Martin voted for Bush because Barbara and Jenna are cute.



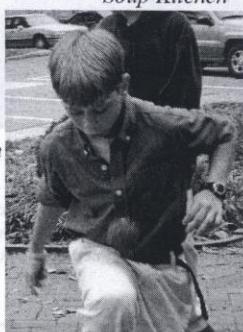
Wade voted because he got a pretty red sticker.



Patrick Crum and Sam Page help Mrs. Seiter's Homeroom at the Soup Kitchen

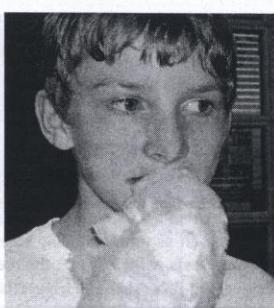


Knight...you handsome devil!



Alex Snow aspires to be in the Hacky Sack Hall of Fame.

HEY!! Can we get cotton candy at the dessert bar?



Just Keep Swimming. . .

Triggerfish

**Let me hear you
grunt!**

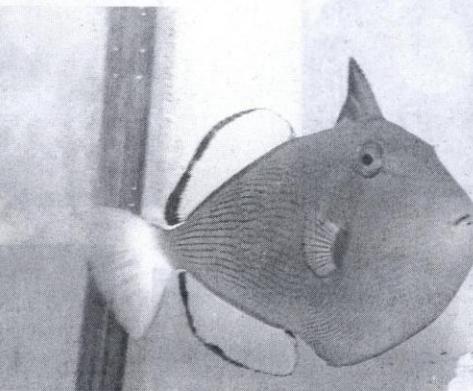
by Caldwell Buntin

Although I love all of the tropical marine fish, I have particularly been fascinated by the more aggressive fishes (e.g. Anemonefish, damselfish, tangs, and eels). I have picked up a fascination for triggerfish, even though they can become large, extremely mean, destructive, and even annoying at times.

Someone who watches a triggerfish in a fish store will also become fond of them; their body shape is almost like a football with their eyes set far back on their head, and they swim gracefully, undulating the anal and second dorsal fin, with the first dorsal fin sometimes locked into position. This fin is used to fasten a triggerfish into holes so it will

**"... triggerfish
usually have a
Jekyll and Hyde
personality."**

not get carried away by the current at night as well as to avoid being eaten by moray eels, which search the reef for sleeping fish. Also, if a triggerfish



is threatened, it will dart off with a burst of speed, hide, and grunt.

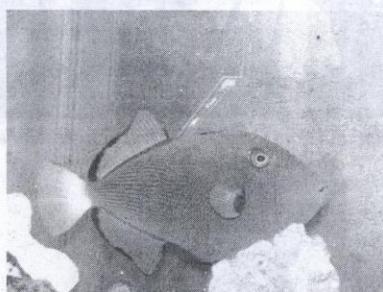
The personality of a triggerfish usually depends on the kind. Pink tail triggerfish, which I have, are one of the few species of triggerfish that can be successfully kept in a reef tank because they usually will not eat hard or soft corals. Instead, they will eat

extremely aggressive anyway.

Triggerfish are also very interesting conversation pieces because of their grace, coloration, and intelligence. Triggerfish can learn a variety of tricks like grunting on command, spitting a jet of water at the surface, and, in rare cases, bobbing half of their body in and out of the water. Triggerfish are so smart they can even get to learn your schedule by recognizing the days water changes are performed and around what times you feed them. My triggerfish is so smart that I wonder if it thinks it taught me some tricks.

Despite all of their antics, triggerfish are some of the most beautiful and desirable fish on the market, whether you would like to keep one in a tank of its own, a fish-only tank, reef aquariums, or, with great stupidity of the fish keeper, community tanks. Just like many other fish keepers, I appreciate the beauty and grace of these

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Caldwell's "family pet"

quite put my finger on it. You can call it whatever you want, but while you keep them, you find that they

Literary Page

Alternate Endings to *Lord of the Flies*

by Austin Archer

1. After hearing wind of stranded children on an island off the coast of North Carolina, television producers decide to rescue the children and replace them with troubled adults. They film the adults and send one home each week. The person that can survive the conditions of the island and the other adults is given \$1,000,000. *Survivor* is born.

2. After receiving strange reports of a plane crash from a coconut radio, the United States Government sends troops to check it out. An Apache helicopter descends onto the island and hovers forty feet above the highest

point on the island. Repelling from ropes out of the helicopter comes Ding Chaves leading Rainbow Three, the predecessor of Rainbow Six. This elite military group proceeds to search the island. They find a clearing with a decaying boar's head on a stick. The group places claymore mines around the clearing to rid themselves of the horrid sight. As Chaves presses the detonator, Indian natives of the island jump out from hiding and are blown to pieces. The carnage is unbelievable. Blood is everywhere, arms are hanging from trees, legs are heaped in piles, and

nobody knows what that is on the ground. All the gore and blood attracts every fly on the island to the clearing. Rainbow Three grabs their M16s and begins to shoot at the flies. All the flies are killed but one. This is the Lord of the Flies, and no matter how hard they try, Rainbow Three cannot bring him down. So, out of the helicopter, not repelling down ropes like those wimpy military guys, but doing back flips from forty feet off the ground before landing perfectly on his feet is the Karate Kid. He whips out chop sticks from a pocket and snatches the fly out of the air. Rainbow Three and the Karate Kid then exit the island, leaving the stranded children to die.



Ability and Aptitude

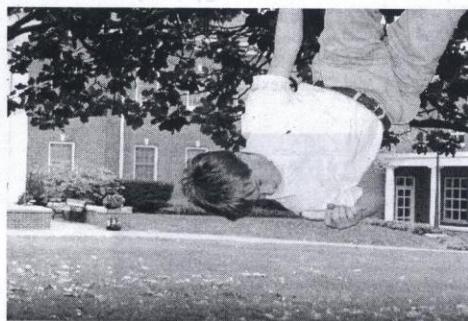
Odd and Odder Talents and Statistics

by Zach Sternberg and
Matt Bellet

The Junior School at Montgomery Bell Academy houses many people with odd talents. We sent

along all the best ones from grade school

and here they are.



Monkey Man, Moynihan

out an e-mail asking for these talents and, with ample replies, we have come to share this information with you. The youngest kid in the school, **Patrick Clarke**, was born on September 19, 1992. **Austin Locke** is the tallest in the seventh grade with a height of about 6 feet 1 inch. To contrast with this size, **Seth Akers-Campbell** is the shortest at 4 feet 7 inches and can pull his arm out of his socket. **Zach Sternberg** can put both legs behind his head.

Getting into more odd talents, **Andrew D'Aquila** breaks pencils on his head while **Matthew Moynihan** claims

that he is a monkey. **Pat Killian** has R.E.M. (Rapid Eye Movement) or, as we may call it, shaking eyeballs. **Michael Seitz** is amazingly smart and is the fastest sprinter in the seventh grade. **Erik Mace** is double jointed in his thumb and can bend it backwards at the knuckles. **Tyler Paslick** says that he can stick his stomach out the farthest while **Andrew Holmgren** belly dances.

In the eighth grade, **Caldwell Buntin** is a genius when it comes to fish while **Davis Hunt** makes a bubble pop out of his wrist. **Patrick Hallahan** can most definitely walk on his hands better than anybody else. **Harding McCall** has a black belt in the art of Tae-Kwon-Do, and **Hicks Woolwine**

states that he plays the "funky cool bass." According to these statistics, we would have to say this school is very talented.

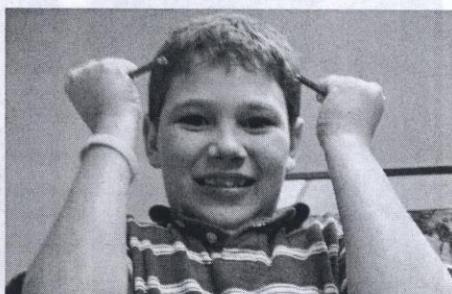
The mighty hands of Hallahan



Seth, the human pretzel



Wow, D'Aquila, that's a REAL talent!??!



Politics...Again

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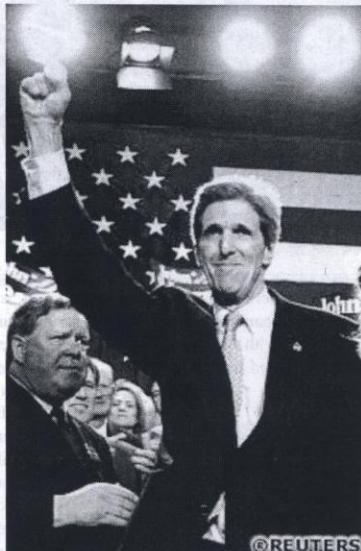
by Chunbum Park

Because I don't think Sam did enough to do justice to Bush, I decided to make my opinions clear. It's not a sin to be a Republican, but many of them misunderstand the concepts. When the media presents "facts," we need to be suspicious so that the government cannot brainwash us. The Republicans can argue that, for the safety of the U.S. and the rest of the world, Bush sent soldiers to Afghanistan and, finally, to Iraq. However, it's really rude and threatening to attack a legitimate (internationally recognized) country (actually, two countries). Why, out of infinite amount of possible solutions, did we have to go to Afghanistan and Iraq? Couldn't we avoid wasting missiles and lives by working out a negotiation? What a coincidence that Bush only gave the Iraqi scientists a limited amount of time to negotiate? Remember that even though Republicans can argue that the Iraqi scientists denied the existence of biological or chemical weapons in Iraq, Bush promised the war to be the last option (out of so many). What a coincidence that Iraq is one of the

world's top suppliers of oil. The Republicans, again, can argue that the U.S. is not interested in oil and will not interfere in its affairs with oil producers. But, isn't it more probable that the "pro-Americans" would be in charge of Iraq—and its oil? The U.S. wouldn't let the "anti-Americans" grasp the power. Those friendly Iraqis would probably sell its oil cheaply making up for the costs of the war and boosting the American economy. It's also a coincidence that almost every one of the countries

That's what the U.S. did by stopping Saddam from killing the innocent people." (By the way, I am not for Saddam killing his own people.) Bush seriously should have done negotiations to stop those slaughters. Invading Iraq was the last choice Bush should have had, and he made it his first choice.

Now, about the setting of the Iraqi government. It seems that those people who are in charge of setting up the government are seriously for the



REUTERS

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American government style. They're willing to trash away their traditions such as letting women have only a few rights. (I'm not for that, by the way.) Yes, anybody can see this change as progress to a better society. But, look! Cultures are disappearing rapidly! Culture is very special because it allows distinguishing one group of people from another just like individuals being special because they are all different. It really seems that the world is making progress in copying other cultures just because that group of people says that their way is better. I am really against this happening in Iraq. You might not realize it, but I can see people from other countries using mixed language. Perhaps Bush didn't mean it, but these things are going to happen in Iraq. The Iraqi people are going to lose their Muslim traditions slowly, so slowly that people won't realize it.

Video Games

Halo 2

The Hottest New Game

by Knight Hammock

Halo 2 is the sequel to a huge first person shooter, Halo. Halo 2 follows up on the story of Master Chief, a Spartan II (super human), who is fighting against the Covenant. The graphics in Halo 2 are amazing. Everything is very realistic. The A.I. is more intelligent and stronger than in the first game, which provides for a more challenging game. There are many new weapons to choose from like the Energy Sword and the Battle Rifle. The single-player campaign is fun, but the multiplayer is what makes Halo 2 the best first-person shooter on the market. The multiplayer maps are incredible and provide for hours of

competitive fun. Xbox Live makes the game even more fun, enabling you to play with up to 16 players from all over

the country. If you are looking for a great game this Christmas, definitely pick up Halo 2.



Killzone

The New Halo 2?

by Caldwell

Buntin

Killzone, although a black horse for PS2, in my mind, is much more realistic and better than both of the Halos. The story takes place on earth, and the Helghast, sons and daughters of pilgrims to the planet of Helghan, are being oppressed and are trying to destroy earth; at all costs, they must be stopped. The

game is a first-person war game in which the player can choose between Captain Templar, with the rapid reaction force, use advanced training, tactical

acumen, and firepower; Lugar, a shadow marshal, who is a modern-day special operative, allows you to use cover, athleticism, covert weaponry, or when needed, your bare hands to get the job done with minimal disturbance; Rico, a regular, lets you use rocket launchers, heavy weapons, thick armor, and his natural aggression to forge a path right through enemy lines; or Hakah, an under-cover agent, a Helghast/human half breed, lets you bypass Helghan mines, sensors, and base camps without harm. Throughout the game, there are surprising twists and betrayals, which are mostly bad for you but make the game that much better.



Faculty

Dr. Death: Is He Going Soft?

by Connor Shope

Doctor Marro, or Dr. Death, is a Montgomery Bell legacy. He has given perhaps the most demerits in Junior School history. Every year, he attempts to achieve the demerit record of 460 demerits given in one year (previously set by Mr. Tillman himself).

However, Dr. Death's demerit slip stacks have thinned recently. He has softened in grading, too. Last year, stupendous students such as Austin Archer, Harrison Stringfellow, Clayton Cothran, and I actually made A's in his class. New records were set last year such as an actual 100 on one

test, and a record number of people passed the final exam. And...the forbidden...a formula sheet!!! Here, in the *Top of the Hill*, we have evidence of a formula sheet that he

natural phase as a teacher. Others believe that he is soft because of the birth of his baby boy, James Nicholas Marro. Some have reason to think that the boy already has a box of matches and threatens to burn the house down every day. Is this new addition to the family of Marro pyros too much for the parents? Is James too much to handle? Or, is the slump just a natural phase as a teacher?

Either way, Dr. Marro has to step it up as a doctor of demerits if he wants that demerit record. Could this be the end of the Dr. Death as we know him? Could the patter-patter of tiny feet be trampling the fire of thought and demerits in his mind? Or could Dr. Marro bounce back and

break the demerit record? The world may never know. Or could it?



Dr. Death or Daddy Dear?

gave on his last exam.

Some reasons? Many think that his recent demerit slump is a

Coley “Chew” Bakken

by Ginny Bakken, Owner

After extensive interviews and an exhaustive process, a Nashville dog is named “Coolest Dog of the Year” by Mayflower Kennel Club (as seen in *Best in Show*). Coley, a one-year-old white and red Brittany, won the judges over with a wag of her one-inch tail: a wag that causes her entire back end to shake with violent bliss.

“It came down to Coley and a

bulldog-shitzu mix,” honorary judge Mayor Purcell said. “But that nutball wag sealed the competition.”

Coley's brown eyes are strikingly similar to Mrs. Bakken's.



Coleman “Chew” Bakken, whose nickname is Coley, came to Nashville in November of 2003. Her owner Ginny

wanted a cocker spaniel, but Jim wanted a boxer. Finally they decided on a compromise: a medium-sized dog with short but soft hair and a great personality. Although the breed was a tough decision, the name came easily. “We named her Coleman after my second home, Coleman Colliseum at the

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Reviews

The Enigma of *The Grudge*

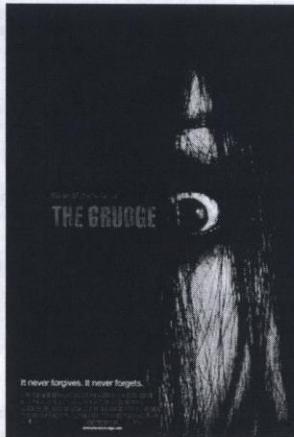
By Karl Mecklenborg

The Grudge could be the most confusing movie I have ever seen. If I could use a few words to describe it, I would say that it's unexplained raging horror. It takes place in modern-day Tokyo. A curse called The Grudge is possessing a house that is occupied by a woman and her mother. At the beginning of the movie, a man randomly falls off a balcony. Why? They never tell you. Then the daughter of the old lady in the house finds an attic, looks inside, and is possessed by The Grudge. Apparently, The Grudge cut off her mouth. It is never explained. Anyway, there is an American exchange student named Karen who

comes to Japan and agrees to cover for a nurse, that woman, who didn't show up for work the next day. When Karen investigates the house, she finds out that it is more it seems. Apparently, there is a little Japanese boy who meows and his mom, the woman I talked about before, makes a weird, frog-like sound. Anyway, the whole plot is a mess. They never explain anything. I don't understand the boy who meows. It just makes no sense. This movie is not even that scary. There are only three scary parts. One is when some evil ghost attacks Karen, another is when the woman with no mouth

attacks Karen, and another is when Karen rides an elevator and the meowing boy is at every story. But then comes the worst part of the movie: the end. It randomly ends when the girl with no mouth comes and tries to attack Karen again.

Right before the girl with no mouth is about to attack, it ends. No explanations. No conclusion of any sort. I guess there will be a sequel, but I doubt anybody will see it. Overall, this is just a low-budget Japanese horror movie with no plot that is still pretty entertaining. Go see it if you just want to see a really weird movie.



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Schuler, explain their views on the situation at hand. Leonardo and the bridegroom kill each other, and their families mourn. The perfect plot to get us in the holiday mood!



Woodcutters: Austin and James



Magistra Christeson models her festive holiday socks.

Grab Bag

Sports Quiz

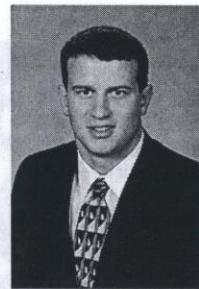
by Kenji Alexander

A lot of you said that the last Sports Quiz was easy, so this one is substantially harder. If no one gets all of them right, the winner will be whoever gets the most right. By the way, the winner of the last contest was Will Andrews!

1. (Football) In which bowl game will the University of Tennessee play?
2. (Football) Who is Vanderbilt's starting quarterback?
3. (Basketball) Which NBA team does Jameer Nelson play for?
4. (Basketball) Which college team does guard Nate Robinson play for?
5. (Football) Who was the number one overall pick in the 2001 NFL Draft?
6. (Basketball) Who received the longest suspension in the Pacers-Pistons fight?
7. (Football) Who is the head coach of the Atlanta Falcons?
8. (Basketball) Who is the head coach of the Los Angeles Lakers?
9. (Basketball) Who won last year's High School Slam Dunk Contest?
10. (Football) Which two teams are playing in this year's Nokia Sugar Bowl?

Answers for the last Sports Quiz:

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| 1. Ohio State | 6. 703 |
| 2. Alex Rodriguez | 7. Eli Manning |
| 3. Gerald Riggs Jr./Cedric Houston | 8. Ichiro Suzuki |
| 4. Rafael Furcal | 9. Ingle Martin |
| 5. 93 | 10. Larry |



Ingle Martin

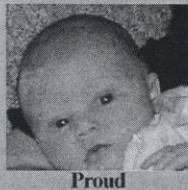
Congratulations!

MacDowell Bourdeaux (Mac) Russ



Proud Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Russ

Mary Lib Steele



Proud
Grandparents:
Mr. and Mrs.
Steele

Iris Carter



Proud Parents: Mr.
and Mrs. Carter

Music

Simple Plan: Still not getting any... by Ben Gregory

Simple Plan created their new CD recently called "Still not getting any..." This is the second album of Simple Plan. I haven't heard the first one, but if it is anything like this CD, Simple Plan is heading downhill. They categorize themselves as punk pop, but if I were to categorize them, I would say they were punk posers. Sure, they do have the occasional song that is worth listening to like "Shut Up" or "Jump," but, as a whole, this album tanked. They are trying to be the idea of punk, but it is almost comical listening to them write song after song of betrayal, lost love, and the honor of the world. Their music is a little better than satisfactory at best. I'm sure that some of the musicians in our high school could duplicate it, but what surprised me was the vocals. This CD is a dual-disc, meaning that on one side there is the CD, and on the other side is a DVD. When you hear the vocals on the CD side, you think that the voices have been synthesized, but once you set the DVD side, you see that that is his actual voice. One exception to this is the song



are those songs: "Jump," "Welcome to My Life," and "Shut Up." If you don't have iTunes or some other illegal program, here's what to do. Convince an idiot friend to buy it, go over to his house, steal it, burn a copy, and return it before that guy realizes that it's gone. Trust me. If your friends are like some of mine, they would not have even waked by the time you return. Stay tuned for more reviews and advice from Ben.

called "Promise." I would have to say that the DVD is probably the best aspect of the CD. There is a making of the album, which is pretty entertaining. One exception to the lack of music is the song called "Promise" with some pretty good guitar.

All in all, I would have to say that this CD is not worth buying. If I had not already spent \$20 on it to give you an insightful report, I would just download the songs off iTunes that are worth listening to (even though I could mention a few of you who are going to download it off more illegal sites). Here

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University of Alabama," said Jim. "But we call her Coley, because it's more girly," added Mrs. Bakken.

"At first I was nervous about my new home," Coley said, "because they locked me in the laundry room. But now I like it better because I get to run outside during the day and sleep in the bed at night." Bakken also added that she's trying to behave better, is avoiding all



Jim and Coley Bakken

shoes, and actively works on her tricks. "I got the 'sit', 'stay', and 'shake', but 'roll over' is tough."

When asked about having the "coolest dog," Mrs. Bakken said, "Coley's been a great addition to the family. She's playful but gentle, well behaved for the most part, and very loyal. I would definitely recommend a Brittney to anyone who is looking for a family pet and has a large yard, although no dog could be a great as Coley."

Will Coley go on to win dog shows or contests? Will Coley accomplish great feats and win awards after already winning her owners' affection? Stay tuned for more information of Coley's winning the world.

iThink, therefore iPod

iCame, iSaw, iPod

by Nicholas Caprioli

The holidays are approaching faster than we can count the days, and some of us are still perplexed as to what we should want as Christmas presents. There are many alternatives to the traditional sweater from Grandma (not that the sweaters are bad or anything).

Many people are toying with the idea of taking their music with them on the road, using an mp3 player. An mp3 player as defined from freearch.com is an electronic device or a computer program for playing music which has been stored as MP3 files. There are many mp3 players to choose from.

For the occasional listener, a 128MB player, which holds

"The only question remaining is -- which model to get."

approximately four hours of music, will suffice. However, for everyone else -- you need a big one. An iPod is not only a statement, but it's a good statement. The only question remaining is -- which model to get.

The smallest iPod is known as the iPod mini. It is the only iPod in the family with an anodized aluminum case that you can choose the color of. It sports a 4GB hard drive which allows approximately four hours of music. While this iPod may be small, it packs a powerful punch. The price: \$250.

Next on my list is the regular and Special Edition iPod. The regular iPod is available in either a 20GB hard drive (approximately 5,000 songs) or a 40GB hard drive (approximately

iPod train is the iPod Photo. This iPod is ideal for photographers, as it has a two-inch color screen and comes in either a 40GB or a 60GB hard drive. In addition, this iPod allows you to take the photos on your iPod and create a slide show to play on your two-inch color screen or, using the included cable, on a television set near you.

Having this feature adds over one hundred dollars to the price of a normal 40GB iPod making the iPod photo a whopping \$500. This price tag for the 60 GB model is \$600.

Many

people also want to play music from their iPod in their car. This added feature allows you to play music from your iPod on your car's stereo system. The first option is through a wireless FM radio transmitter. Many different transmitter modules are available from vendors such as Belkin and Griffin and in various price ranges. This option is not a top choice because of the sound quality that is transmitted. Also in very populated areas, it is possible to lose the signal due to other broadcasts. In addition, they can use a significant amount of the battery in your iPod. The best choice overall is a cassette adapter. This type of adapter plugs into your iPod's headphone port, which allows superior sound quality and no loss of signal. My recommendation is to buy a cassette adapter for your musical driving pleasure.



10,000 songs). The iPod Special Edition comes with a 20 GB hard drive. One thing about the Special Edition -- the only differences are the added fifty dollars to the price, the signatures of the U2 band engraved on the back, the black front with Ferrari-red click wheel, and you get \$50 off of the Complete U2 Collection available from the iTunes music store. Everything else is the same among the different iPods. The 20GB edition is \$299, the 40GB edition is \$399, and the Special Edition is \$350.

Our last stop of the

Happy Holidays

Christmas Ideas

by John Floyd

Christmas is coming soon, and maybe you don't know what to ask "Santa" or you're trying to get a gift for someone. Here are some cool ideas. Halo 2 is a favorite that I hear is an amazing game. Even friends' dads love playing this game. It has incredible graphics and amazing new weapons, terrain, players, etc. Of course, you must have an Xbox to play this game, which costs around \$50.

If you are looking into an MP3 player, I would suggest an iPod. Although mine is not very new, it works just like the rest of them. Here are a few: the new iPod, iPod Mini, and iPod U2. These iPods come in many sizes and accessories. You can get a 20, or 40 gigabyte. The mini is 4 gigabytes. The more gigabytes, the more songs it holds.



These iPods can store hundreds to thousands of songs in your pocket. The mini comes in many colors, and the U2 is black. The mini iPod is only 3x2x0.5 inches! There are many accessories for

these iPods, like speakers, voice recordings, etc. Depending on the size of iPod you get, it can cost you \$200 to \$400.

Another great gift idea is the Casio 3.2 MP Credit Card-size camera. This digital camera is easy to use and hardly takes up any space. The camera has 2.8x optical zoom and only requires a memory card and a battery for usage. You can easily send all the pictures you take to friends and family by e-mail. Cost: \$350.

Although you would be putting all your Christmas present eggs in one basket, these gift ideas are great, and you will enjoy them for a long time.

All I Want for Christmas is ...

Sam Page	Nintendo DS	Warren Sevigny, Will Andrews	NCAA 2005
Nicholas Caprioli	Apple Computers Corp.	Martin Luplow	a pink yo-yo
Barrett Jacques	infinite wishes	Trip Shearer	\$1,000,000
Matt Raetliffe	plasma screen TV	Hooper Paty	a red Ferrari
Conrad Gray	a blue duck	Daniel Green	<i>King Arthur</i>
Houston Creighton	a hamburger	Wes Gallagher	light saber
Zach Brickner	Ghost Recon 2	Ben Ramsaur	Dimension XPS
Will Rowland	new golf irons	David Koonce	lotsa \$\$
Gray Taylor	2005 Mustang	Caldwell Buntin	Protein Skimmer
Chris Anderson, Drew Turner, Wyatt Redd, Max Molteni, Kile Garrett			iPod
Austin Archer, Knight Hammock, Jacob			



Faith and Food

FCA Donuts for Jesus by Clayton Cothran

If you want to have a good time while having donuts, play battleball against a few Harpeth Hall girls, or just want to find something new to do for that blank time period every Wednesday morning, you can come to FCA. Whether praying for other people or learning about the way that God protects you and your family, the meetings we have will always be fun. Scott Hearon, Parker Prevost, and Teddy Christenberry all have a

good word to put in and are always ready to answer your questions. So come, and have a great time.



Daniel's Tea Recipe

by Daniel White

Materials

- *Unsweetened Tea
- * Sugar (Lots of it. Don't skimp out on it)
- * 1 Teaspoon
- * 1 Tablespoon
- * Lemon

Procedure

First, place the unsweetened tea in the glass. Use unsweetened tea rather than sweetened tea. Instead, you can put the amount of sugar that you want in the tea. (For all of you Weight-Watchers people, you

won't feel as guilty!!!)
Second, add your sugar with the tablespoon because you can add

more sugar and it will take less time to do it.

Third, place the lemon in the tea.

Fourth, stir with teaspoon.

Fifth, enjoy !!!!!!

* For all of the exotic drink people, add a sprig of mint in the tea and/or you can add a slice of lemon to the rim of your glass. Also, you can soak the rims of the glasses in water and dip it in sugar to make the drink look mature.



Daniel serves Will his fabulous tea.

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Nutrition Facts

Serving Size 16 fl oz (453g)

Amount Per Serving	Calories	Calories from Fat	105
Total Fat	12g	% Daily Value	18%
Saturated Fat	7g		37%
Cholesterol	45mg		15%
Sodium	86mg		4%
Total Carbohydrate	37g		12%
Dietary Fiber	0g		0%
Sugars	37g		
Protein	0g		
Vitamin A	0%	Vitamin C	0%
Calcium	0%	Iron	0%

*Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet. Your daily values may be higher or lower depending on your calorie needs.

NutritionData.com

Soccer

B Team

Rise to Glory

By J.B. Hardin

The B team had a great overall season. The first win came over USN in a closely matched game. The end score was 2-1. Neil Reinhardt had the winning goal. That's pretty good for not even having a practice yet. The next day we played a very talented team, Woodland. They beat us 4-0. Then we practiced for a whole week, came back, and played Woodland in a re-match; we lost again, but the score was an improved 3-0. The next game we were supposed to play was against

Ensworth. We got pumped up to play, but Ensworth canceled. Then, we played BMS. We played tough but still lost 3-0. We practiced a lot harder to get better. As a result, we



Michael Seitz



Matt Wieck

never lost again. The next game was supposed to be against Ensworth, but, what do you know, they smashed them 4-0. Everyone played well in that game. Our last game was

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A Team

We Are the Champions!

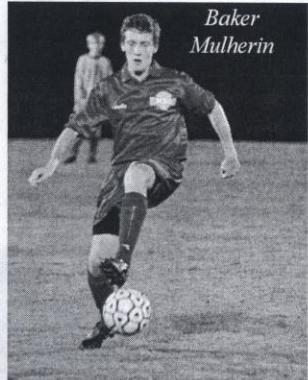
by Baker Mulherin

As the bus pulled into the BGA campus, we all put down our windows, hoping that everyone in the school would hear our roaring. Between Jake Lawrence shouting into the bus microphone to motivate us and our screaming replies, I imagine we made quite a lot of noise. When we arrived at the field, everyone eagerly jumped off the bus, still yelling and extremely pumped up. We were in the HVAC finals!

In truth, our road to the finals was not as challenging as we had thought. With our goals scored/goals

allowed ratio of 53/4, we were proud of our season so far. After the disappointing overtime loss in the finals last year, we were thirsty to win it all. Some games were closer than others. But whatever the circumstance, we had fun, and we tried to always improve. Toward the end of our short season, we tried to put all our focus on HVAC and bringing home the plaque. After we defeated Ensworth in the semi-finals, there was only one game ahead of us.

Everyone began the normal



Baker Mulherin

warm-up ritual. Pass the ball around to get loose, keep moving, go for a quick jog around the field, use our visual skills (stretch), and begin some pass and shooting drills. Soon it was time to bring it in at the bench, and we were given our pre-game

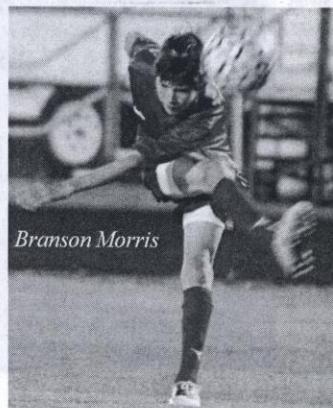
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More Soccer

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talk from Coach Klausner. Even though we had beaten Brentwood Academy previously in the season, we knew that over-confidence could end up causing us to lose. As we took in what Coach said, we all huddled up and made as much noise as we could. In less than a minute, the game had begun.

For about 15 minutes, we were on the offensive. We shot often, and in quick succession, two goals were put in by Branson and Houston. The game was now leaning in our favor, but it was by no means over. At half time, we knew staying focused was the only key, and we came back out in high spirits. Midpoint through the second half, BA slowly worked their way up our side of the field, keeping up constant pressure. They were finally able to get in a goal, and we were put in a tough position. We were ahead by one, but now the other team had motivated themselves. They had a will to play. For the next ten minutes, it was extremely close, switching momentum back and forth. At last, after a constant barrage of shots, Reed put the final goal in, putting us ahead 3-1. There was little time left, and we heard the final whistle blow. It was over. Everyone cheered, and we left the campus with our first-place prize. Our short season ended with the first HVAC championship win in five years.



Branson Morris

game of world cup we played. Kudos to Fadi Poulos and Sam Embry for joining the A team for the HVAC tournament. Good luck to the seventh graders on the team to make the A team next year.

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Swimming

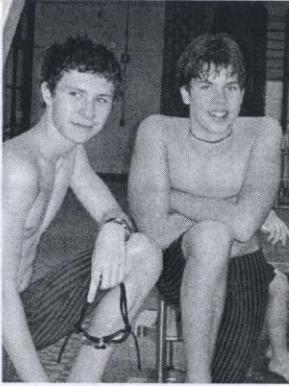
Eat My Bubbles

Non-Swimmers!

by Clayton Cothran

This quarter, I have had the privilege of swimming under the supervision of Coach Carter (yes, THAT coach Carter, the big one that teaches computer). Under his direction, both the High School and Junior School swim teams have come out undefeated (1-0 each) by a large margin. The Junior Schoolers are

allowed to swim in every meet, even if it doesn't count for the High Schools score. In the last Junior School meet, the swimmers



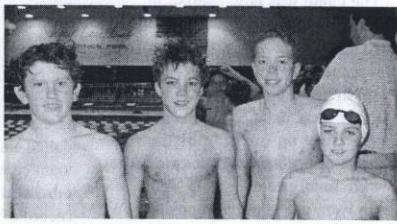
whatever you do, DON'T WEAR A SPEEDO because that's just weird. NOTE: Jammers are for the REAL swimmers. (And yes, they will be provided.)

Daniel Smith and Alex Martin
Rob Higham, Shep Patterson, Pat Killian, and Seth Ackers-Campbell

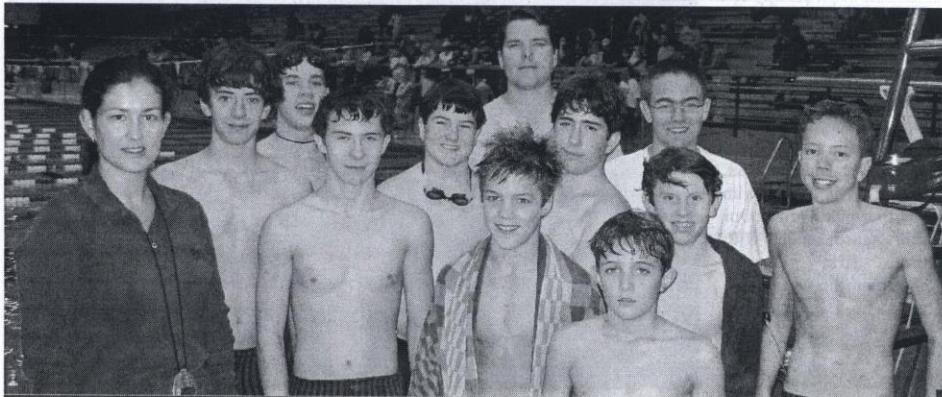


Daniel Smith, Alvin Kim, Ben Gregory, and Jimmy Balser

dominated all the other teams, with the closest opponent finishing 185 points behind! Isn't that refreshing! Come out and join us if you want to (or maybe if you like to dive, too, Caldwell could use the company), but



Coaches Villavicencio and Carter with their mighty microbe swimmers.



Wrestling

Wrestling

Success on the

Mats

by Ben Mecklenborg

Like soldiers stepping onto a battlefield for the first time, charging anxiously to defeat their foe, the 2004 microbe wrestling team looked into the eyes of the Harding Academy wrestlers and said "Get out of our way!" The first match was against Harding Academy where the Big Red would encounter the thrill of victory, and Harding had to endure the agony of defeat! Glorious victories by Scott Bubis, Charles Herron, Mathew Bellet, Ben Sutter, Davis Hunt, and Daniel Todd were fought like gladiators competing for pride and their lives. Also, John Floyd, Jeffery Nutkis, Barrett Jacques, Clark Benton, William Tanner, Patrick Hallahan, and Aaron Barrett did justice to the wrestling team and brought home victories for the Big Red.

The season got off to a powerful start, and we continued to have a successful season that would, sorry to say, cease with a concluding record of 8 and 3! We also placed third in the MBA Dual Tournament and



John Floyd

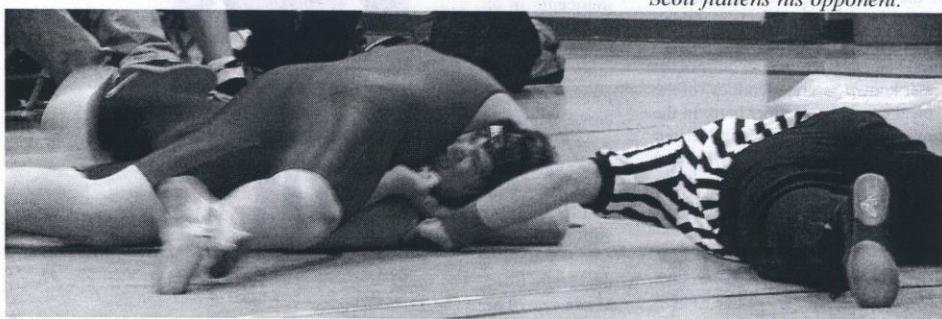


*Scott
Bubis and
Patrick
Hallahan*

fourth in the HVAC Tournament.

We would like to say thanks to Coach McBride and the other coaches for a great season!

Scott flattens his opponent.



The Sam Page

The Incredibles

Pixar Wins Again

by Sam Page

Pixar has become the most successful entertainment franchise, with all of its movies becoming instant classics. Pixar has yet to produce a bad movie, or even an average one. Until now all of its movies were a witty personification of species of animals (or inanimate objects) that you would not expect to lead the same lives as normal human beings. The latest movie, however, broke away from the formula that had made past pictures so desirable

"This latest Pixar masterpiece is a satire of the lesser known 'secret identities' of the typical comic book super hero."

and featured the world of humans. However, it follows the common theme of the past movies, for the featured humans are not those you would think to lead the lives of normal humans. This latest Pixar masterpiece is a satire of the lesser known "secret identities" of the typical comic book super hero. In the movie, Mr. Incredible (Craig Nelson) and his wife Elastigirl (Holly Hunter) must go into hiding through a witness protection program for super heroes instigated by the government after super heroes abroad are sued for their unwanted services. In the movie, they try to live normal lives with their super

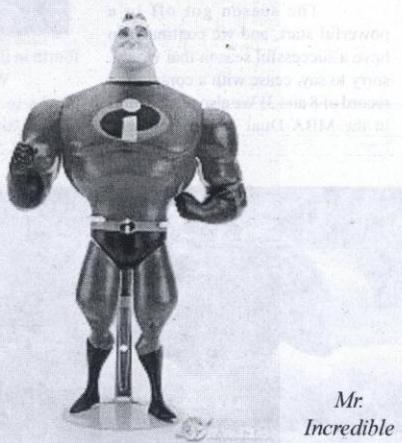
children Dash (Spencer Fox), Violet (Sarah Vowell), and Jack-Jack (can't talk). Then suddenly their attempted normal lives are interrupted, and they

whole movie is witty and enjoyable and is the must see of the holiday season and the best movie so far this year. It definitely gets 5 out of 5 stars.

Sam imitates Mr. Incredible's strength on Daniel.



are forced into action when an evil villain Syndrome captures Mr. Incredible and then inevitably threatens the safety of innocents in an elaborate plan to gain power. The most memorable performances come from co-stars Samuel L. Jackson as Frozone and Brad Bird as super hero costume designer Edna Mode. The



*Mr.
Incredible*

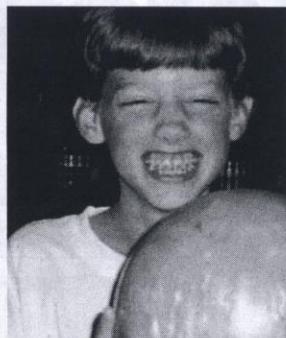
Bowling Mixer



Corbin and Daniel and a host of Honey Bears.



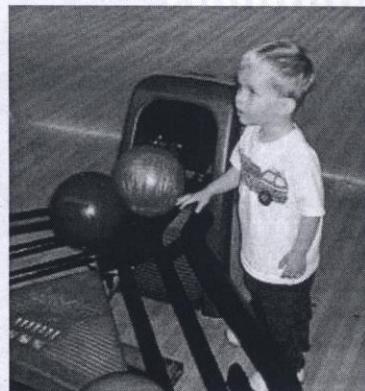
The moral of the story: Don't give Sam the keys!



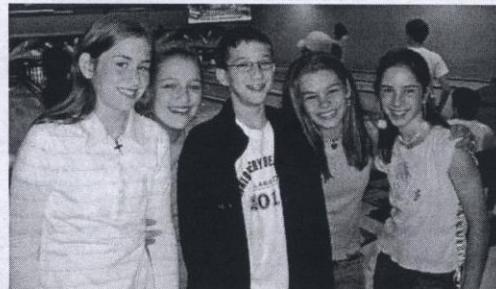
Alex really enjoys Harpeth Hall mixers.



Richard Putnam and Nate Smith plan their team strategy.



J.B. "Kingpin" Seiters



What's your secret, Zach?

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